

Great Pirate and Sea-Faring Books at the Pleasanton Public Library

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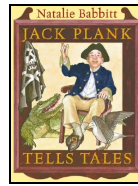


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Children's Fiction
by author's last name
and/or
Children's Paperbacks
by first letter of author's last name
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The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
Grades 5-8 (215 p)
As the lone "young lady" on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns that the captain is murderous and the crew rebellious.

Jack Plank Tells Tales by Natalie Babbitt
Grades 3-6 (128 p)
When a pirate ship falls on hard times, Jack Plank is let go because he is not good at plundering. Eleven-year-old Nina, the daughter of the widow he boards with, offers to show him around the port town to find work. It soon becomes clear what Jack's new career should be.



Peter Pan by J.M. Barrie
Grades 4-6 (155 p)
This is the journey of Wendy, John, and Michael Darling as they follow Peter Pan, the boy who never grows up, to a world where fairies live and children can fly.

Peter and the Starcatchers by Dave Barry
Grades 5-8 (451 p) *Audiobook available*
Starcatchers series
Soon after Peter, an orphan, sets sail from England on the ship Never Land, he befriends and assists Molly, a young Starcatcher, whose mission is to guard a trunk of magical stardust from a greedy pirate and the native inhabitants of a remote island.



Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth by Eoin Colfer
Grades 2-4 (102 p) Children's Moving Up Colfer
Eoin Colfer's Legend of... series
When Will hears the Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth from his prank-loving brother, the nine-year-old fears he will be the bloodthirsty pirate's next victim.

The Wanderer by Sharon Creech
Grades 4-7 (305 p)
Thirteen-year-old Sophie and her cousin Cody record their transatlantic crossing aboard the Wanderer, a forty-five foot sailboat, which, along with uncles and another cousin, is en route to visit their grandfather in England.

My Mom the Pirate by Jackie French
Grades 2-4 (107 p)
When he asks his mother, a privateer for Queen Elizabeth, to go to school she insists it be the best one in the world, only it is over four hundred years in the future.



The Giant Rat of Sumatra by Sid Fleischman
Grades 5-8 (194 p)
A cabin boy on a pirate ship finds himself in San Diego in 1846 as war breaks out between the United States and Mexico. After being plucked from the sea by the most notorious pirate in the Pacific, he discovers his adventure is only beginning.



The 13th Floor by Sid Fleischman
Grades 4-7 (134 p)
When his older sister disappears, twelve-year-old Buddy Stebbins follows her back in time and finds himself aboard a seventeenth-century pirate ship captained by a distant relative.

The Dark Frigate by Charles Boardman Hawes
Grades 7-9 (246 p)
In seventeenth-century England, orphaned Philip Marsham, forced to

flee London after a terrible accident, finds himself in an even more difficult situation when his ship is taken over by pirates and he is forced to become a member of their crew.

Castaways of the Flying Dutchman by Brian Jacques
Grades 5-8 (327 p) *Audiobook available*
A Tale from the Castaways of the Flying Dutchman series
In 1620, a boy and his dog are rescued from the doomed ship, Flying Dutchman, by an angel who guides them in travelling the world, eternally helping those in great need.

Skullduggery by Kathleen Karr
Grades 5-8 (227 p)
In 1839, twelve-year-old Matthew's job as assistant to the phrenologist Dr. Cornwall takes him up and down the Eastern Seaboard and to Europe, as they rob graves and try to find out who is following them and why.



The Wreckers by Iain Lawrence
Grades 5-9 (196 p) *Audiobook available*
The High Seas Trilogy
Shipwrecked after a vicious storm, fourteen-year-old John Spencer attempts to save his father and himself while also dealing with an evil secret about the English coastal town where they are stranded.

The Killing Sea by Richard Lewis
Grades 6-9 (183 p)
In the aftermath of the 2004 tsunami in Sumatra, two teenagers, American Sarah and Acehnese Ruslan, meet and continue together their arduous climb inland, where Ruslan hopes to find his father and Sarah seeks a doctor for her brother.



Black Duck by Janet Taylor Lisle
Grades 5-9 (252 p) *Audiobook available*
Years afterwards, Ruben Hart tells the story of how, in 1929 Newport, Rhode Island, his family and his best friend's family were caught up in the violent competition among groups trying to control the local rum-smuggling trade.

Tingleberries, Tuckertubs and Telephones: A Tale of Love and Ice Cream by Margaret Mahy
Grades 3-5 (95 p)



Saracen Hobday, a painfully shy young man, lives with his grandmother on lonely Breakfast Island. His grandmother, a former detective inspector, is called out of retirement to help capture her arch-nemesis, Grudge Gallows, world famous pirate. This leaves Saracen alone, but not for long when he ends up having an exciting and hilarious adventure of his own.

The Pirate's Son by Geraldine McCaughrean
Grades 7-9 (294 p)
Left penniless in eighteenth century England, fourteen-year-old Nathan Gull and his sister Maud accompany Tomo, the son of a notorious pirate, to his homeland of Madagascar where they are all changed by the encounter with Tamo's dangerous past.

Shackleton's Stowaway by Victoria McKernan
Grades 6-9 (317 p)
A fictionalized account of the adventures of eighteen-year-old Perce Blackborow, who stowed away for the 1914 Shackleton Antarctic expedition and, after their ship Endurance was crushed by ice, endured many hardships, including the loss of the toes of his left foot to frostbite, during the nearly two-year return journey across sea and ice.

Shelved in Non-Fiction

What if You Met a Pirate?
by Jan Adkins — **J910.45 Adkins**

Pirates and Smugglers
by Moira Butterfield — **J910.45 Butterfield**

Blackbeard, the Pirate King
by Patrick J. Lewis — **J910.45 Lewis**

Everything I Know About Pirates: A Collection of Made-Up Facts, Educated Guesses, and Silly Pictures About Bad Guys of the High Seas
by Tom Lichtenheld — **J910.45 Lichtenheld**

The Pirate's Handbook
by Margarette Lincoln — **J910.45 Lincoln**

You Wouldn't Want to be a Pirate's Prisoner!: Horrible Things You'd Rather Not Know
by John Malam — **J910.45 Malam**

Piracy and Plunder: A Murderous Business
by Milton Meltzer — **J910.45 Meltzer**

Pirateology: The Sea Journal of Captain William Lubber, Pirate Hunter General
J910.45 Pirateology

Pirate
by Richard Platt — **J910.45 Platt**
Available in Spanish

Pirates
by Will Osborne — **J910.45 Osborne**
Magic Tree House Research Guide series

The Golden Age of Pirates: An Interactive History Adventure
by Bob Temple — **J910.45 Temple**

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Moby Dick: Based on the Novel by Herman Melville

by Herman Melville (retold by Lew Sayre Schwartz)

Grades 4-7 (48 p)

Captain Ahab’s chase of the famous white whale is told in a graphic novel format.

Pirate Curse by Kai Meyer



Grades 5-9 (320 p) *Wave Walkers series*

In a place similar to the 1706 Caribbean, two fourteen-year-old “polliwogs” — humans who can walk on water — rely on a mysterious figure known as the Ghost Trader and a band of pirates to help them escape from the evil that is chasing them..

Bloody Jack: Being an Account of the Curious Adventures of Mary “Jacky” Faber, Ship’s Boy

by L. A. Meyer

Grades 7-9 (278 p) *Bloody Jack series*

Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a thirteen-year-old orphan disguises herself as a boy and connives her way onto a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates.



Airborn by Kenneth Oppel

Grades 6-9 (355 p) *Audiobook available*

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth’s surface.

Drift House: The First Voyage by Dale Peck



Grades 5-9 (437 p) *Drift House Voyage series*

Sent to stay with their uncle in a ship-like home called Drift House, twelve-year-old Susan and her two younger stepbrothers embark on an unexpected adventure involving duplicitous mermaids, pirates, and an attempt to stop time forever.

Pirates! by Celia Rees

Grades 7-10 (379 p) *Audiobook available*

In 1722, after arriving with her brother at the family's Jamaican plantation where she is to be married off, sixteen-year-old Nancy Kington escapes with her slave friend, Minerva Sharpe, and together they become pirates traveling the world in search of treasure.



The Not-So-Jolly-Roger by Jon Scieszka

Grades 2-4 (57 p) Children’s Moving Up Scieszka

Time Warp Trio series

Three friends are sent back in time by a magic book and they find themselves prisoners of the evil pirate Blackbeard.

Sea Legs by Alex Shearer

Grades 4-6 (309 p)

Twin brothers Eric and Clive are ready for adventure on the high seas, so instead of staying with their grandparents yet again, they stow away on the cruise ship on which their father serves as Senior Steward.

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson



Grades 6-9 (273 p) *Audiobook available*

While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads to a pirate fortune as well as great danger.

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne

Grades 7-9 (394 p)

The adventures of a French professor and his two companions are retold about how they sailed above and below the world’s oceans as prisoners on the fabulous electric submarine of the deranged Captain Nemo.

Pirate Stories for Younger Readers

Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs

by Giles Andreae

Grades K-2 — JPB “A”

When Flinn enters the classroom art closet for supplies, his imagination sends him on a high-seas adventure filled with pirates, dinosaurs, mystery, and swordfights.

Olive’s Pirate Party by Roberta Baker

Grades K-2 — JPB “B”

Olive worries that having her seventh-birthday pirate party at her Aunt Tiffany’s house will be a disappointment.

Fluffy, Scourge of the Sea

by Teresa Bateman

Grades K-2 — JPB “B”

When Fluffy, a pampered poodle, is captured by canine pirates, he uses his wiles to convince them that he is in reality the “Scourge of all the Sea.”



Little Badger, Terror of the Seven Seas

by Eve Bunting

Grades Pre-K-1 — JPB “B”

A young badger pretends to be a pirate until it’s time for supper.

On the Go with Pirate Pete by A.E. Cannon

Grades 1-2 (32 p) JE Cannon

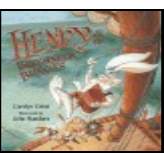
Pirate Pete and Pirate Joe go out for seafood with their cat Studley and their dog Dudley.

The Trouble with Uncle by Babette Cole

Grades K-2 — JPB “C”

Uncle, who is a pirate, doesn’t fit in with the other members of the yacht club, so he starts his own club, buys a treasure map, and ends up marrying a mermaid.

Henry and the Buccaneer Bunnies by Carolyn Crimi



Grades K-2 — JPB “C” — *Audiobook available*

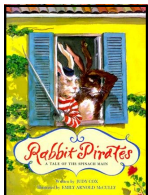
Captain Barnacle Black Ear, baddest of the Buccaneer Bunnies, is ashamed of his book-loving son, Henry, until the day a great storm approaches.

Rabbit Pirates: A Tale of the Spinach Main

by Judy Cox

Grades K-3 — JPB “C”

Two old rabbit friends disagree about many things, including when and how to deal with the tricky fox who threatens to ruin the business at their restaurant in Provence, France.



Pirate Girl by Cornelia Funke

Grades K-2 — JPB “F”

Ferocious Captain Firebeard and his ruthless crew meet their match when they kidnap a feisty girl named Molly.

The Pirate and Other Adventures of Sam and Alice

by Akemi Gutierrez

Grades K-2 — JPB “G”

Sam and his little sister Alice find new ways to have fun playing together. One adventure includes finding a pirate’s treasure map that leads them to a chest full of gold and jewels.

The Night Pirates by Peter Harris



Grades Pre-K-2 — JPB “H”

Despite the fact that he is “only a boy,” Tom convinces the band of rough, tough, little girl pirates who have come to steal the front of his house to let him join in their adventures.

Roger, the Jolly Pirate by Brett Helquist

Grades K-2 — JPB “H”

While his shipmates face their toughest enemy, Roger has a chance to prove himself in a most unlikely way after being banished, as usual, below decks during the fighting.

Lo-Jack and the Pirates by William H. Hooks

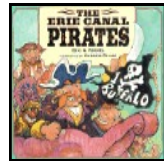
Grades 1-2 (45 p) JE Hooks

When Jack is kidnapped by a band of greedy pirates, he persists in misunderstanding all the captain’s orders.

The Erie Canal Pirates by Eric Kimmel

Grades K-2 — JPB “K”

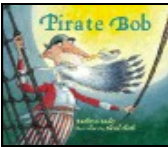
A boat captain and his men battle Bill McGrew and his pirate crew on the Erie Canal in a rhyming tale inspired by a folksong.



Pirate Bob by Kathryn Lasky

Grades 1-3 — JPB “L”

Pirate Bob discovers that “having a best friend on a pirate ship is complicated.” The lives of the pirates on Bob’s ship are described in detail including the difficult task of splitting up the loot.



Captain and Matey Set Sail by Daniel Laurence

Grades 1-2 (62 p) JE Laurence

Despite their frequent disagreements, two pirates share many adventures.

I Love My Pirate Papa by Laura Leuck

Grades Pre-K-2 — JPB “L”

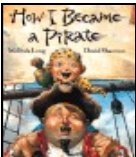
A pirate’s son shares the things he loves about his father, including climbing the mast together to yell “Land ho” and sharing the booty when they find buried treasure.



How I Became a Pirate by Melinda Long

Grades K-2 — JPB “L”

Jeremy Jacob joins Braid Beard and his pirate crew and finds out about pirate language, pirate manners, and other aspects of their life.



Pirates Don’t Change Diapers by Melinda Long

Grades K-2 — JPB “L” — *Audiobook available*

Braid Beard and his pirate crew return to retrieve the treasure they buried in Jeremy Jacob’s backyard, but first they must help calm his baby sister, Bonney Anne, whom they awoke from her nap.

Edward and the Pirates by David McPhail

Grades K-2 — JPB “M”

Once Edward has learned to read, books and his vivid imagination provide him with great adventures. One day at the local library he finds a volume entitled Lost Pirate Treasure. That night pirates invade his bedroom, and insist that he hand over the book. Edward uses his skills to help solve the problem.

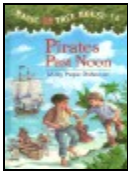


Pirates Past Noon by Mary Pope Osborne

Grades 2-4 (67 p) Children’s Moving Up Osborne

Magic Tree House series

The magic tree house whisks Jack and Annie back to the days of deserted islands, secret maps, hidden gold, and nasty pirates.



The Old Pirate of Central Park by Robert Priest

Grades K-2 — JPB “P”

A retired pirate and a retired queen engage in a thunderous battle to gain control of the Central Park sailboat pond.

The Pirate’s Eye by Robert Priest

Grades K-2 — JPB “P”

When Captain Black the pirate loses his glass eye, a pauper finds it and creates a book from images of the captain’s experiences that he sees within it, resulting in a change in both their lives.

Richard Scarry’s Pie Rats Ahoy by Richard Scarry

Grades K-1 (32 p) JE Scarry

Uncle Willy uses a clever disguise to save his boat from a gang of pirates and make Busytown Bay safe again.

Camp Buccaneer by Pam Smallcomb

Grades 2-3 (58 p) Children’s Moving Up Smallcomb

After spending summer vacation learning to be a real pirate at Camp Buccaneer, Marlon feels much better prepared to return to school and face Carla, the bully who has pestered her since kindergarten.

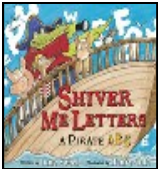


Shiver Me Letters: A Pirate ABC

by June Sobel

Grades K-2 — JPB “S”

Having decided that “R” is not enough for them, a bumbling band of pirates sets sail on a quest to capture the rest of the alphabet.



Do Pirates Take Baths? by Kathy Tucker

Grades Pre-K-2 — JPB “T”

Humorous rhyming answers to eleven questions about the life of pirates.

Pirate Mom by Deborah Underwood

Grades 1-2 (68 p) JE Underwood

When a hypnotist convinces Pete’s mother that she is a pirate, Pete tries to find a way to turn her back into a regular parent.

Sailor Moo: Cow at Sea by Lisa Wheeler



Grades K-2 — JPB “W”

A land-locked cow follows her dream and finds happiness by going to sea. When she falls overboard during a storm her life takes an unexpected turn.